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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1548

Introduced by Assembly Member Pavley

February 22, 2005

An act to add *and repeal* Section 6024.5—to of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to field rodents.

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AB 1548, as amended, Pavley. Field rodents: poisons.

Existing law generally directs the Department of Food and Agriculture and County Agricultural Commissioners to cooperate relative to suppression of rodents carrying diseases injurious to humans.

This bill would authorize the County of Ventura to, *subject to exception*, prohibit the sale *and use* of any poison designed to be used to control rodents or other vertebrate pests that contains Brodifacoum, as specified. The bill would provide that these provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2008 remain operative until June 1, 2007.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6024.5 is added to the Food and
- 2 Agricultural Code, to read:
- 3 6024.5. (a) The board of supervisors of any county may the
- 4 County of Ventura may implement a pilot program pursuant to
- 5 this section, and is authorized to adopt an ordinance prohibiting
- 6 the sale and use of any poison designed to be used to control

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rodents or other vertebrate pests that contains one or more of the
following anticoagulants:

- (a) Brodifacoum.
- 4 (b) Bromadialone.
- 5 (c) Diphaeinone.

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the anticoagulant Brodifacoum, provided however, that licensed pesticide applicators shall be exempt from the ban for purposes of applying Brodifacoum indoors.

- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that representatives from Ventura County, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, and the Department of Fish and Game, in the most cost-effective manner, report to the Legislature not later than June 1, 2007, regarding the impact on humans and wildlife by, and the implementation of, any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section.
- 16 (c) This section shall remain operative only until June 1, 2007, 17 and as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted 18 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends 19 that date.